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(South Wing Information, News and Goings-on)

A monthly update for employees, physicians and volunteers as LMH prepares to care for South-Wing patients

A few words about the South Wing planning



South Wing architect
George Vangelatos

The South Wing expansion with 90, new med/surg beds, a new ED, urgent care, admissions office, gift shop and healing garden came about thanks to a truly evolutionary, 11-year planning project. It was more

than a decade ago that hospital board members and internal hospital leaders began planning for a hospital expansion. They had to answer questions like “What will the community need from the hospital in 2010 and beyond?” and “Where will the resources come from to meet those needs?” Once those plans began to gel, hospital leaders began meeting with architects and selecting one to begin planning more concretely for the future. George Vangelatos, then with the firm HDR, was ultimately selected as the architect for the project, and he and the HDR staff began the long process of meeting with hospital leaders and front-line care givers to ascertain what they needed to best provide care. Hundreds of meetings were held with myriad work groups, and from there George began the task of putting to paper the dreams and needs of LMH staff and patients for a new hospital. He also had to consider a design that would gain the approval of the City of Lodi Planning Department, so he visited many Lodi locations to make sure the design fit with local standards and feel. At first blush, George’s first design wasn’t quite what the LMH team hoped for... (cont. back page)

Congressman visits, 78 days and counting



Congressman Jerry McNerney (second from left) visits a South Wing nurses station while touring last week.

The most frequently asked question about the South Wing these days is “When can I get a tour?” Throughout the project, selected work groups have been touring to view and develop recommendations about how to best work in the new space. But now, tours and orientation have been opened up for all staff, physicians, volunteers and clergy. So watch for fliers with the specific orientation schedule, and be sure to sign up for one that best accommodates you. Orientation tours are two hours long and begin in November.

For med/surg nurses, the orientation will be longer since their new home will be the second, third and fourth floors of the South Wing.

The first floor will be home to a new emergency department, urgent care, admissions, the quiet room, the gift shop, volunteer services and community development. Med/surg is expected to occupy their new space mid-December and ED is expected to move in February. The urgent care will follow several weeks later.

The healing garden is accessed via the first floor and along with the two-story atrium on the third floor and family rooms on each med/surg floor, patients, visitors and staff will have an opportunity to find some respite from the hospital setting.

COUNTDOWN TO KEY TURNOVER (NOV. 9): 78 DAYS!

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TEAM UPDATES

Patient-care subcommittee plans for staffing

The Patient Care Subcommittee, co-chaired by Lisa Kerner and Kim Hafey, continues to meet monthly. They recently submitted staffing plans and unit-orientation designs. They're also working to standardize equipment throughout the new wing to promote a safe environment and support systems that minimize the risk of harm to patients. Some modifications have been submitted for approval, such as the appropriate placement of the computers in patient rooms for ease of bedside-medication verification. The team is excited about the progress they have made and look forward to opening such a prestigious unit for the community, (*Kim Hafey, ext. 7657*).

Support-services committee developing transition plans

The Support Services Committee is comprised of all of the services that will be providing support for the new wing. These services include the ancillary departments, such as respiratory, laboratory, diagnostic imaging and pharmacy. Environmental services, facilities, bio-med and materials are also on this committee. The committee is currently engaged in planning the logistics involved with the fit and move into the building. We have finalized the operational date and have almost completed the equipment list. The committee has completed approximately 25 milestone events, which is about one third of the tasks associated with the fit up. The committee is currently working on individual department-level-transition plans in order to anticipate major issues that are not already identified, (*Dave Mack, ext. 7420*).

Patient and visitors' guide is in the works

The Marketing and Communications subcommittee of the South Wing Comprehensive Activation Committee (CAT) has been working to develop a patient and visitors guide that will include maps of both east and west campuses and general visitor information, including where to park, eat and visiting hours. The guide's intent is to augment the way-finding activities that have been designed to help patients and visitors make their way around LMH. Those include a new signage system for the South Wing and a new volunteer service area that will escort patients to their hospital destination from the new, main lobby. Employees with family members or friends who may be interested in serving in this volunteer area should contact Sarah Beasley, ext. 7616. Subcommittee members have also been working on coordinating a series of events to celebrate the South Wing opening. These will be scheduled for the last two weeks in January and include events for LMH insiders (staff, physicians and volunteers), donors and the public, (*Carol Farron, ext. 7535*).

Equipment/supply procurement ramps up

An offsite receiving and storage warehouse contract has been awarded to Pacific Storage Company. An inspection of the warehouse space for our use is complete. Pacific will receive, store, and deliver to the South Wing much of our new equipment. This agreement allows LMH to continue to support the local San Joaquin economy while minimizing offsite storage costs. This service ensures equipment is ready to go when its installation is required. Stretcher-demo day, held at our Guild Avenue location, was a success, and we should soon have quotes from the two competitors, Stryker and HillRom. There was good feedback from nursing directors, managers and staff during and after the hands-on demo. Due to feedback and preferences given, we should be able to make a vendor selection within 24 hours of receiving vendor quotes. Due to the timing of the stretcher demo, key-decision makers and staff from both materials management and nursing were present to look at the basket-style supply storage racks used in the Guild Avenue warehouse for small items. The decision to use this type of supply storage in the South Wing's clean-supply rooms was made, and DSI, the area distributor for Scan Module Storage Racks, will meet with materials management to finalize specifications and develop quotes, (*Bill Wesley, ext. 7558*).

Planning, cont.

maybe a little too industrial looking. What the hospital team was hoping for was an internal and external design that would visually indicate a true healing environment. Joe Harrington, Tak Saito, Chris Dickey and Carol Farron suggested to George a trip to a newly designed hospital on the outskirts of Seattle that was of the same vintage as LMH. So the LMHers and George spent a day at the Seattle-area hospital to look at their design and get a sense of how they seamlessly integrated the old and the new to create a real healing environment. George then took a stab at a second design and nailed it. His goal was to develop a fully workable design for LMH that was, as he put it, "timeless and elegant." From there George and the LMH team leaders took the design to several hospital work groups to flesh it out more fully. George has gone on to design the Cleveland Clinic Hospital Abu Dhabi and is now with HMC Architects as a design director and principal.

And now a few words about paint

What do "Oatmeal Cookie," "Tide Out," "Fool's Fossil," "Ticked Crow," "Porcupine," and "Swiss Coffee" have in common? They are all names of paint colors in the new South Wing. Before the late nineteenth century, professional house painters mixed colors on the spot by eye (not by a predetermined recipe) and were seldom able to reproduce the exact same shade. Only in 1867 was the first ready-made paint patented. After World War II, with the rise of home ownership, consumers succumbed to the appeal of DIY and began to paint walls without the help of pros. This gave birth to a whole new literary genre: the lyrical rhetoric with which companies began to captivate homeowners, who insisted that paint products have enticing names.



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